

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 485

Short Title: Adopt Navigation Rules.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Holt, Brawley; and Gardner.

Referred to: Transportation.

March 24, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION RULES AND THE
INLAND NAVIGATION RULES AS THE LAW IN THIS STATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 5 of Chapter 76 of the General Statutes is amended by
adding a new section to read:

"§ 76-40.1. Adoption of navigation rules.

(a) In order to establish uniform navigation rules for vessels operating on the
navigable waters of this State, the following are adopted into law:

- (1) The International Navigational Rules Act of 1977, as amended, and
rules adopted pursuant to that act, also referred to as the International
Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS), for vessels
on waters outside of established navigational lines of demarcation as
specified in Part 80 of Title 33 of the Code of Federal Regulations; and
(2) The Inland Navigational Rules Act of 1980, as amended, and rules
adopted pursuant to that act, for vessels on all waters not outside the
established navigational lines of demarcation.

(b) The Wildlife Resources Commission is responsible for the enforcement of the
rules adopted by this section.

(c) Violation of the navigation rules adopted by this section shall constitute a
misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00)."

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993, and applies to acts
committed on or after that date.